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SUBJ: HIGHWAY MURDER TEODORO RODRIGUEZ AVILA, U.S. CITIZEN

REF: MAZATLAN 0588 AND 0604

1. ON MARCH 3, DAVID RODRIGUEZ,  
SON OF ARTURO RODRIGUEZ,  
ADVISED CONSULATE HE PLANNED ARRIVE LOS MOCHIS TO PICK UP  
DECEASED FATHERS VEHICLE. CONSUL REVIEWED DOCUMENTATION  
WITH HIM ON TELEPHONE, ALL APPEARED IN ORDER. WHEN RODRIGUEZ  
DID NOT ARRIVE LOS MOCHIS ON MARCH 6 AS PLANNED, CONSUL  
ATTEMPTED TELEPHONE HIM AT HOME TO NO AVAIL. ON MARCH 8,  
RODRIGUEZ MADE UNANNOUNCED ARRIVAL LOS MOCHIS AND TELEPHONED  
CONSUL FROM THERE. CONSUL INFORMED HIM THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS  
HAD BEEN MADE WITH FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT WHOSE  
DISPOSITION VEHICLE HAD BEEN PLACED AND THAT IF VEHICLE  
RETURN BECAME STICKY CONSULAR OFFICER WOULD PROCEED THERE  
IMMEDIATELY.

2. ON MARCH 9 RODRIGUEZ TELEPHONED CONSULATE TO ADVISE THAT  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES HAD FINED HIM FIVE HUNDRED PESOS  
(TWENTY DOLLARS) FOR DAMAGES DONE TO A HIGHWAY KILOMETER  
MARKER WHEN THE CAR CAREENED OFF THE ROAD AND THAT HE OWED  
THREE THOUSAND PESOS (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS) FOR OUTDOOR  
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PARKING IN THE IMPOUNDED VEHICLE CORRALL. CANCELLATION OF  
PARKING FEE WAS OBTAINED AFTER CONSUL CONFERRED WITH TOURISM  
DELEGATES IN CULIACAN AND LOS MOCHIS.

3. ON MARCH 10, RODRIGUEZ TELEPHONED CONSUL TO ADVISE THAT HE  
WAS DEPARTING FOR THE UNITED STATES IN VEHICLE. HE COMMENTED  
THAT THE AUTHORITIES IN LOS MOCHIS HAD BEEN VERY KIND, BUT

THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT ANYTHING NEW ABOUT HIS FATHERS DEATH. CONSUL INFORMED HIM SHE HAD WRITTEN FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY LETTER REQUESTING INVESTIGATION ON JANUARY 5, HAD SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED PERSONALLY ON HIM, HAD MADE NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND HAD WRITTEN A FOLLOW UP LETTER ON FEBRUARY 23. RODRIGUEZ TOLD CONSUL THAT AS SOON AS HE RETURNED U.S. HE WOULD ASK CBS AND OR NBC TO INVESTIGATE.

4. STALLING BY FEDERAL DA LIKELY TO CONTINUE. TO ATTEMPT FORESTALL RODRIGUEZS REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION BY MEDIA, CONSUL WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSYS ASSISTANCE THROUGH ATTORNEY GENERAL IN OBTAINING WRITTEN INTERIM REPORT FROM LOS MOCHIS FEDERAL DA FOR SUBMISSION TO RODRIGUEZ.  
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